

Wastewater Management Commission (WWMC)

Meeting minutes September 15, 2008

(Approved by WWMC on 6 October 2008)

Meeting time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Tiverton Community Center

Members present: Chris Nearpass, John Christo, Don Wilbur, Colleen Stanton, Leroy Kendricks & Stephen York.

Also in attendance: John Lincourt, (WWS) Wastewater Superintendent

Stephen Berlucchi: Public Works Director

Tiverton Residents: Greg R. Costa, Carol Ann Silva, Claire Lapre, Cherie Martin & John Martin

1. The minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting as recorded by the Secretary of the Commission was amended and unanimously approved on a motion by Chris Nearpass and 2nd by Stephen York.

2. On-Site Issues – Implementation of the On-site Wastewater Management Program:

(1) **Stafford Pond Watershed** – No updates to report.

(2) **Nanaquaket Pond Watershed** – Initial notices to be sent to the first 250 property owners in the Nanaquaket Pond Watershed area have been assembled and inserted in envelopes to be mailed. Tiverton High school students helped (Community service) assemble the materials etc.

(3) **CSSLP Exception request from R.I. Housing.** – John Lincourt reported that he received a letter dated September 11, 2008 from the Rhode Island Housing Community Lending Processor. The letter addressed a loan request that does not meet the loan criteria for the Town of Tiverton Community Septic Loan program. The RIH Community Lending Processor is asking the WWMC to advise them if Tiverton would waive the allowed debt to income ratio of 45% and allow a debt to income ratio of 165% on this loan request (our Loan # 07020). The WWMC members unanimously approved a motion by Chris Nearpass, 2nd by Steve York to grant the waiver request.

3. Sewer Projects:

Betterment assessments. – No action taken since last meeting. John Lincourt has the action to revise the letter to be submitted to the property owners, who must connect to the sewer line within one year.

Ponta Pump Station – John Lincourt submitted a preliminary plan and cost estimate for connecting the sewer line from the Ponta pump station to the Bourne Mill pump station. Discussion on this topic revealed various approaches to this issue. No action taken by the WWMC on this topic. John Lincourt will follow up with the Bourne Mill personnel with regards to possible connections etc.

Watuppa Plantations/Countryview Estates – John Lincourt reported that he attended a meeting with the present owners and potential new owners concerning the sewer system issues. The required actions have not been completed to acquire approval by the WWMC. The issue of not having a back-up generator is of main concern.

Bourne Mill – Work is continuing on this project. Digging in support of the sewer system outside this area has been hampered by ledge. Blasting in this area will be scheduled.

4. Long Range Planning: Leroy Kendricks, John Lincourt will meet (9-17-2008) with town officials to plan an alternative structure for sewer users. One of the alternatives may be a sewer district format.

5. Financial Report: - No update to report

6. Public Education: - Coordination for the proposed meeting for the property owners in the Nanaquacket Pond Watershed area is continuing. John Lincourt received a package on water infrastructure at the meeting with the R.I. Water Pollution Control Association. The package developed by Penn State contains a very informative video concerning all aspects of water. This presentation “ Liquid Assets” will be shown on Public Station TV in October.

7. Documentation & Procedures:

- **Audet, Carpenter, Blaisdell and Cliff Street** – John Lincourt reported that video inspection of the existing sewer lines in Audet, Carpenter, Basisdell and Cliff streets was conducted on 10 Sept 2008. The inspection was conducted via the State Ave sewer line (12 inch dia.). The inspection revealed that the sewer lines in the above streets are 6 inches in dia. Video in these lines could not be conducted. Further investigation of certain sewer lines in this area is necessary to determine their location and connection with the State Ave line. It was agreed that installation of a manhole at the end of these streets is necessary for serviceability of these lines.

- **R.I. WARN Agreement** – No change since last meeting. John Lincourt will follow up on a DEM workshop notice.

New Regulations for Operations & Maintenance (O&M) of Wastewater Treatment Facilities – During the R.I. Water Pollution Control Association meeting on 5 Sept John met with Bob Healy (EPA) who will send John a template on the (O&M) program. Bill Pateneaud (DEM) will help John Lincourt prepare the plan. John Lincourt is trying to make contact with the School department concerning their preparation of a plan for their sewer system at the High school.

8.General Administration - - Leroy Kendricks is following up on John Lincourt’s review.

9. A motion to adjourn (7:00 PM) was made by Steve York, 2nd by Colleen Stanton passed unanimously. The next scheduled meeting date is October 6, 2008, 5:00PM at Tiverton Community Center.

Submitted by:

John S. Christo
Secretary WWMC